

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 15 are presently pending in the Application. Claims 1-12 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,535,906 to Barber et al. Claims 13-14 stand objected-to as dependent upon rejected claims. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 13-14 if each are incorporated into independent form with the subject matter of the claims on which they depend. Applicant has incorporated the step elements of claim 13 into claim independent claim 1 and incorporated the step elements of claim 14 into independent claim 7. Thus, claims 1 and 7 are presently in allowable form.

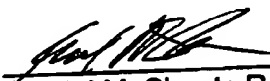
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submit that claims 1-12 and claim 15, all the claims presently pending in the Application, are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above Application to issue at the earliest possible time.

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